

TOPICAL COMPOSITION IN THE FORM OF A GEL FOR
THE TREATMENT OF SKIN BURNS

| **FIELD OF THE INVENTION**

The present invention relates to a novel topical topical compositions for the local treatment of burns, abrasionsgrazes, erythema, eczeema, herpetic infections, avulsions surface sores and any sphacelus causing skin injury -damage-leading to gangrene and in-particular to a composition which forms a clear creating a translucent-colloidal film over the injury covering the nerve endings~~ous~~ terminals (pain relief), reducing nerveous irritation~~ability~~, insulating if isolating from the surrounding environment to avoid external media preventing from contact with harmful noxious substances, and the maintaining dryness of injury dry and exerting doing pressure (dressing effect) to create a medium that will enable fast and effective cell regeneration for creating a media permitting effective and fast cell regeneration; while the enzymatic effect action reduces causes des-inflammation, debrides and cleansing and cleaning the zone.

| **BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

| **MEDICAL AND CLINICAL ENVIRONMENT**

Traumatic injuries of skin, such as -i.e.,-burns, scalds, abrasions, aevulsions, etc., have been studied and treated by the specialized branch of medicine of plastic surgery, involved in the issue under a addressed to the theme, with scientific perspective and in related researches.

Reconstructive and burn surgery of burned people, an applied science being part of the forming part of the plastic surgery specialtyzation, is a field where a n-area wherein a specialized physician endeavors to works re-construct ing tissues, treating burns and repairing lost skin layers when lost.

In the case of superficial face skin injuries and burns, despite a well-known although its physiopathology, there has not been and there still is not, at the beginning of the XXI century is clearly known, even beginning twenty-one century there is no a general consensus as to the in-treatment of same, thus evidencing the lack of a deeper understanding of showing deep ignorance in this issue, while a great number of physicians act empirically or based on -and a big part of physicians guides in an empiric form or by very basic information.

This situation has led to the sale, application and prescription as treatment caused that in this field of medicine of a wide variety of an enormous number of products having of different sources, from home-made preparations, herbs, origin be applied, sold or indicate as a treatment, from empiric substances, plants, coffee, albumenwhite of an egg, Aloe vera, mucilage, etc., to until tannins, mercurial preparations y and topical antibiotics. The above is the breadth are the king of

substances used for treating skin injuries due to ~~for~~ burns (or abrasions), which further shows the absence of unanimous consensus in this respect, demonstrating lack of only one view.

The focus of such methods has commonly become a~~Antibiotic and cicatrization therapy employing a wide variety of substances, among which we find~~ healing methods of therapy have a popular focus with variety of substances being more notorious—sulfas, furazolidone, tetracycline, gentamicine, mercurochromey-chrome, epithelial growing factor and tannins, whose effects have been studied and are well with studied and known results. However, the treatment of the main symptoms local treatment of principal symptoms (pain, inflammation, debriding effect) in a local form has not received any substantial has no received important pharmacological attention.

Antibiotic substances such as silver sulfadiazine, furacine (fucidin), terramycin and other types of substances have have tried to fill this gap in ~~of different type~~ have treated to occupy this space of medical therapeutics.

Unquestionably, Silver sulfadiazine has enjoyed a greater success and has acquired a bigger market share is more successful and has bigger market. However, from a scientific viewpoint, it is a product far from perfect for treating ~~ally~~ speaking, it is an imperfect product to manage non-infected skin injuries.

The underlying basic concept is considers that these ~~theise~~ injuries healed by themselves itself (epithelialization), regardless of the substance used with no

importance of the substance used, provided no complications do not arise.

The object is thus to make Philosophy is producing comfort to the patient as comfortable as possible while his/her own body undergoes the cicatrization process while organism generates cicatrization process by itself.

BURNS AND AEVULSIONS

A burn is defined as the a skin injury sustained from the produced by energy transfer of energy, from a thermale source to the body which is large, highly enough to cause injury and which may result from, possibly by direct conductiontransmission (heatcalorie), chemical injury or electromagnetic radiation (electrical).

Immediate clinic manifestations of a in burn are changes in skin color from erythema to necrosis, intensedeep pain in superficial facecases and presence of bodily fluids by transudationorganic liquids by transsweated.

A burn occurs arises when skin cells are destroyed by heat, thereby liberating nerve stimulating chemical chemical substances that cause stimulating nerves causing pain, producing the disruption of the generating skin and exposing the continuity loss with underlying elements exposition and, depending on the depth level, loss loss of fluids liquid loss by evaporation.

The Burn-healing mechanism of a burn is similar to that of a wound or abrasion, in second degree burns, serum blisters pimplies are formed that acting as a protective cover while underneath it forming a new skin layer is being formed from the sides of underneath from the burn-boundaries.

If a burn is too big or remains and exposed, it becomes easier for bacteria to enter the body.

Accordingly there are s-a consequence many factors that come into play such as the continuity skin disruptionless, necrosis (death) of the affected skin sector affected, severe deep pain, the body's hydro-electrolytic response of the organism, inflammation due to presence of fluids by liquids and chemicals, blushing due to by vasodilatation and the subsequent further possibility of bacterial colonization.

Likewise, In the same way defense mechanisms against heat are brought into action: profuse perspiration for lowering the is bringing into play, abundant sweating to bring down temperature by evaporation with liquid-loss of fluids, heat dissipation by vasodilation and tissue-resistance of tissues to the heat hot or radiation (mainly principally muscles and skin, nerves and vessels are very sensitive). It is considered that no cell damage occurs at temperatures of up to until 44°C no cell injury arises unless there is very of a prolonged exposition.

EPIDEMOIOLOGY

Burns are some the most is one of the more frequent injuries experienced by occurring to human beings. In the United States from about 3.5 to 4 million people go to the doctor for visit physicians for diagnosticis and treatment of burns.

Burns account for a large occupy a big percentage of visits to emergency rooms and physician's offices medical consultation in hospitals and consulting rooms, 8 out of 10 persons experience a burn of some sort every has some type of burn during a year, being 95% of all burns subject to of home or ambulatory treatment manage.

After a burn occurs and there is In the moment of a burn dead-cell death, a occurs, an event series of events starts that bears some resemblance to that of similar to wounds begin:

- 1- Inflammation: is the normal acute reaction of tissues after injury, immediate response is vasoconstriction by nervous stimulus and thrombosis.
- 2- Subsequently, there is Follows a vasodilatation and increase in the capillary permeability during in the following next 12 to 48 hours, according to the degree of injury level, with secretion of plasma or leaving of blood fluids containing proteins, electrolytes and water.

The main Principal protein is albumin giving the plasma oncotic pressure (liquid retention) of the plasma and which moves to the passing to the extra-vascular space in the burn while retaining liquids in what is known ich is called as edema.

With the ~~n~~ cell migration, due to ~~by~~ the increase in capillary permeability, ~~cells~~ specialized cells in injury response ~~ding~~ to injuries arrive: leucocytes (macrophages and neutrophils (circulation immune white cells of the bloodstram) in charged of cleaning and disinfecting ~~the~~is area, a system of defense system against bacteria and elimination of dead cells ~~elimination~~).

Regarding ~~In~~ respect to the chemical substances, ~~of~~ dead cells, plasma and neutrophils produce some chemicals such as: substances are produced: euglobine, (capillary permeability), catecholamine, leucotaxine, bradykinin, keallidine, kallikrein, histamine, serotonin and prostaglandins, all of which substances cause ~~ing~~ nervous stimulation-, immune cell activity, vasodilatation, cell migration (chemotaxis) and other inflammation related changes.

BURN CLASSIFICATION

It is important to know how burns are classified ~~cation~~ according to their cuetaneous depth, etiology and extension.

Burns are classified according to diagnosis, treatment and prognosis parameters.

a) DEPTH

It is divided into three categories:

—.First degree:

First degree – Superficial: only the stratum corneum or outer layers of the epidermis or cornea-layer are affected. It is characterized by an erythema or red color, severedeep—pain, local heat, contact and air sensitivity and spontaneous healing in three to four days. It may cause ~~could~~ produce skin hyper-pigmentation. Sunburns are an~~A~~n example of this type of burns ~~is~~ sun burn: healing occurs in a few days without scarring.

Second Degree:

_____ Second degree:

Superficial: partial or complete injury to the epidermis injury—but with intact epidermal is attachments annex—and or indentations, severe deep—pain, erythema, phlyctene, fast capillary filling, soft yet skin still soft. E~~An~~ examples of this type of burns are is scalds, which healing in 8 days.

_____ Deep: complete epidermis complete — destruction (including germinative stratum germinativum) and part of the dermis, phlyctenæ, light pale rose tone, moderate pain (due to nerve~~ous~~ destruction), hardened — and withered cardboard—skin, slow capillary filling and slow delay—healing originated from beginning in the attachments annexes—(hairs and glands), and almost always

leaving a scare is left. An eExamples of the above are steam and flame burns is steam or flame, in which case heal regeneration occurs in 16 days.

Third degree:

-Third degree:

There is skin is entirely a total compromised of skin, there is not cell regeneration, white-, insensible, withered cardbeard-like, dry skin without edemas and may compromise can involve organs other different than skin, such as for example in electric, chemical and fire burns.

These is burns always require needed specialized medical treatment attention.

First and second degree superficial face burns undergo have spontaneously healing and are the main subject matter of application principal object and applicability of the composition in of the present invention.

ETIOLOGY

Determining at the origin of the burn is very always important to define the lesion intensity, treatment and prognosis of the injury.

Sun, biological, steam, flame and scalds burns produce the cause—more superficial face—burns, direct fire and chemicals burns cause intermediate middle burns and contact burns, deflagration and electric burns are the most dangerous.

CONSIDERATION AND DISPOSITION OF BURNS

-EXTENSIVE BURNS:

Critical burns:

These burns involve more than 25% of the body in adults and more than 10% in children and exceeding the second degree in depth. In addition to

These are burns involving more than 25% of an adult or 10% in children and with more than second-degree depth. Apart from local injuries such as necrosis, pain, vasculitis, edema, transudation sweating and over-infection, there is a systemic compromise implication in which leads to immunological reactions, vasodilatation, exit of liquids emergence to the interstitial space, loss of protein-less, necrotic sis residues, general sepsis and compromise of the implication of vascular and urinary systems are presented. In these cases, patient treatment s manage is exclusively managed de-by physicians and in-hospitals with liquid, proteins and electrolytes replacement position, in-hospital care of wounds hospital and affected systems care (airborne ways systems) and in depth cases of increased depth surgical treatments with grafts, flaps and reconstructive surgical chirurgical processes. These patients heal are slowly healing patients and may spend a long time can be much time in the hospital. There are Hypertrophic scars, deformations and hair loss are some

of the possible sequelae. Patients who have inhaled smoke are subject to special care as this may lead to injury of the production of the airborne ways illness, respiratory insufficiency and death. Antibiotic treatment of both the wound and in general is managed with antibiotics is indispensable both for the wound and in general because ~~allas~~ any patient with extensive burns suffers of over-infection.

SMALL LITTLE, MINOR AND SUPERFICIAL BURNS.

A superficial burn is understood as one that can be treated ambulatory at home or at a doctor's practice without complications and does not exceed 25% TBSA and superficial second degree in adults, and 10% superficial second degree in children. It is considered a superficial burn those which can be ambulatory treated in house or in doctor's office without complications and not surpassing 25% ~~scd~~ and of second degree in adults, and 10% and second degree in children.

According to the parameters established, these are burns in which there is no hydroelectrolytic compromise of the body with no electrolytic implication of the organism, the immunological and vascular compromise implication is minor little, and there is no infection, is presented with except for ion of overlapping conditions. aggregated situations.

In theseis cases, treatment is focused on in preventing an over-infection, loss of liquid—losses, reducing des-inflammation of the zone, providing

comfortableness offering comfort, offering analgesia, cleaning the zone, covering the burn area and protecting it from the environment while the intrinsic healing processes occurat.

If a burn is small little, shallow it is not depth and it is free of net complicationsed, the treatment consists of covering the zone, cleaning it, examining inspection it, and washing the zone it, soothing take away the pain and debriding such zone, while it; preventing any over-infection and allowing permitting re-epithelialization and complete healing in a maximum period efrom 3 to 5 days maximum. Use of; analgesic, antibiotic substances and other local covering products is avoided as local coverare avoided. The novel composition subject matter of this invention has been designed for this local treatment of a burn.

This local treatment is the object of the composition of the present invention.

OBJECTIVES OF BURN TREATMENT

The objectives of the local burn treatment of burns are is-protecting against infection and trauma, soothing diminishing the pain, reducing des-inflammation and accelerating the removal of e-removing of dead tissue, while promoting methods that accelerate cicatrization, enhancing scaring. Superficial burns that epithelialize ing-faster do so ing it with less scar.

Nowadays, the most common methodology for treating superficial burns includes generally the use of topical antimicrobial agents, -Ppreferably of silver sulfadiazine

(SSD). This drug was developed in the 60's and is effective for controlling antimicrobial growth in the burn as while the eschar separates. SSD has a hydrophobic molecule making that makes the application of the cream induce the s accumulation inof significant amounts of proteinaceous exudates over the in-wound surface.

These exudates are called PSEUDOESCHAR. It is necessary to undertake Efforts should be carried out to remove take-away this pseudoeschar, which that is a strong layer of material on the in-burn surface, for in the contrary, paradoxically paradoxically, bacterial colonization- can otherwise advance progress. Therefore the use of SSD ein- in burns should be accompanied by periodical surgical requires surveillance and periodical chirurgical debriding for removing the eschar and the accumulated proteinaceous necrotic residues.

The epithelialization epithelialization-process requires the burned zone to be clean and free of any debris, requiring in the case of SSD the removal of necrotic tissue, which that unfortunately can be extremely painful and stressing for the patient, and further requires the use of great doses -of analgesic.

The eEndogenous e-proteases are produced by various cells in a burned zone. These enzymes promote enhance the liquefaction and removal of the necrotic tissue; the devitalized proteine residues must be removed in order to allow the epithelial cells to migrate and repair the surface of the burned zone. CThe collagenases are intrinsically produced proteases (enzymes) of intrinsic

production—that act exclusively on the collagen by to denaturizing it and making it more easily to be degradable ed by less specific proteases.

For several During decades exogenous proteases preparations have been made to accelerate the debriding process of the burns and lesions wounds while increasing the local protein degradation rate and thus accelerating the epithelialization epithelization process. This translates turns into a reduction of intensity of the lesion, less care hours of the injury decreasing the intensity of the injury or wound, less hours for taking care of the wound, and less discomfort formalaise of the patient. The exogenous collagenase can be obtained from in an enzymatic preparation derived from the clostridium histolyticum bacteria.

PAIN AND TRAUMA OVER THE BURN OR SUPERFICIAL FACE ABRASION

During the 12th annual congress of the European Wound Management Handling European Association held in Granada, Spain from between May 23 to 25 of, 2002, the attendants concluded that for the prevention of the misill treatment or trauma on a wound (dressinghealing) and painprevention of patient painng to the patient were considered the, the most important elements relating ed to the care of an injurythe wound should be taken into account. The removal of the dressings is the a biggest cause of pain and hence therefore a pain-free and non-trauma causing dressing obtaining a dressing that eliminates or diminishes pain and trauma is highly a highlydesirable ed characteristic.

FUNCTION OF PROTEOLYTIC ENZYMES FUNCTION IN THE BURN HEALING REPAIR

Injuries of all types, including The wounds of all kinds, including burns, all have something in possess a common fact: they all produce the same a-physiologic response. The severity of such response varies with the degrees or and types of wound.

The hHyperemia is a physiologic response to trauma, which is followed by inflammationflare, a cicatrization pre-requirement, that is a previous requirement to healing and subsequently by then causing an edema, which usually delays healingcuring. If the edema is too bigexcessive, it can delay the tissulare metabolism thus increasing the possibility of for infection, ischemia and hypertrophic scars. Accordingly it is advisable therefore convenient to use a methods that reduces the edema.

AnThe edema results from the accumulation of represents a excess liquids excess and cell residues remainder within the tissular spaces, while the e-gaps and its elimination thereof depends on fluid the liquid-drainage (for example, by applying pressure) and on the proteolysis, that is, the increased removal of of the removal of the protein residues e remainder by proteolytic enzymes. It has been proved (Tribuna Médica [Medical Tribune] Medical Tribune-354 1968) that the enzymes from the carica papaya reduce to a minimum the edema associated with inflammation flare in the injuries during the cicatrization process, a wounds being

healed. Such fact that is directly related to a substantial reduction correlates directly with a significant decrease or absence of pain.

CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

STATE-OF-THE-ART PRODUCTS FOR BURN TREATMENT

From homemade substances Starting with empiric substances, herbs, Aloe vera, mucilage etc. to and continuing with tannines, mercurial composition, and topical antibiotics comprise are the wide range of used substances used to treat skin lesions wounds caused by burnsing (or abrasions), which further proves the absence of an unanimous consensus in simply demonstrates the lack of unity in criteria to this at respect.

Home Empiric treatments such as with coffee, onion, albumen white of egg and other different substances from with traditional knowledge are used in addition to a a medical care handling based on antibiotics and scab crust-forming substances such as mercurochrome (chromium mercury) chromium mercury which have to be associated with analgesics and lubricants for the aforesaid lesions mentioned wounds.

Many other different products have been used with varying average results, such as cerium nitrate, iodine (which causes pain), tannins, rifampycin, and a three-part combined triconjugate treatment consisting of on silver nitrate plus mercurochrome chromium mercury plus tannic acid. This treatment is has an

antiseptically weak ~~tic~~ weakness and produces a scab that may be can predispose to bacteria culture prone.

The use ~~practice~~ of topic antibiotic therapy for burns was not designed to treat the recent superficial ~~face~~ wounds, whose management ~~target~~ ~~ieh~~ handling management is quite different. The ~~local~~ antibiotic therapy should be reserved must be kept for those clinical instances ~~cases~~ in which the burn sepsis of the burn, due to its extension, magnitude will become ~~can turn into~~ a major problem. At ~~the~~ patient with a recent superficial ~~face~~ burn will not benefit from the use of ~~by~~ using antibiotics.

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some OF THE available products are:

-Mafenide: (sulfamilon) which is a methylated sulfonamide (sulfa group) effective against a wide range of bacteria-group, ~~in-particularly~~ the clostridium, which can penetrate the scab and cause a metabolic acidosis.

-Silver nitrate: aAn inorganic salt having a poor injury wound-penetration, helps removing the scab, narrow under-bacterial spectrum.

-Silver Sulfadiazine: cComprises sulfadiazine and silver nitrate, penetrates the scab and is effective against the entire burns-bacterial spectrum of burns.

-Gentamycin: Used against the *pseudomonas aeruginosa*, possesses a quick bacterial resistance.

-Nitrofurazones: They have a limited reduced bacterial spectrum.

-Others: The butesyn picrate, methatitanate (zinc oxide, titanium dioxide, vitamin A), aloe vera, epidermiss growth factor (Cuban product) and other substances without therapeutic significance are found in the market.

-Use of proteolytic enzymes: The application of proteolytic enzymes on a burn wound with local sepsis is very useful has a big importance as it disrupts the coagulation, eliminates the accumulated proteinaceous material that "protects" the bacteria from with the antibiotic action and thus increases the antibiotic effectiveness, while preventing an the infection.

DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

An The object of the present invention is providing es a topical composition for treating burns and cutaneous injuries sphacelus-causing skin injuries sphacelus, in connection with from each every-one of the factors that produce originating the burn or superficial face-abrasion: pain, for which the thickening thickener substance has been designed as a was designed similar to a second skin (thus producing at is why it causes analgesia), inflammation; flare, for which the proteolytic enzyme was designed having a potent an-enzymatic debriding effect was designed, being these the basic features concepts of gel.

Another objective of the present invention is to provide a composition that besides containing the above-mentioned components, may also comprise contain other components effective on for secondary (non-primary) factors of the burns, such as adding an including antiseptic (chlorhexidine) in case an infection is suspected, urea for a better lubrication and an anesthetic (lidocaine) for the painful injuries wounds in adults and in-particularly in children.

The sepsis of a the-burned- injury or burn is defined by Teplitz as: presence of bacterial organisms exceeding 100,000 colonies per gram of tissue gram-in the burned tissue and which are actively that are invading the tissue underlying under the burned zone (artz Chap. 17, Pg. 250).

For During a short period of time after the occurrence of a burn, the wound remains generally sterile for up to an average of 48 hours in average, the subsequent later contamination comes from an the-external source medium, from the surrounding skin (saprophytesileus) and other sources such as respiratory sources and feces. It is important to recognize that the topical antibiotic therapy has been designed to control the sepsis of the burn and not for the regular cutinary treatment of small little-burns in which the sepsis is not the problem.

After acquiring a Having clearly understanding of the concept of sepsis of a burned injury wound and the its possibility or not of its appearance or not during the initial in the burn's initial phase of a burn, the the use of an adequate therapy is then reasoned is rationalized. An overutilization of topical antibiotics may be

counterproductive can produce the opposite of the desired effect (overtreatment) for due to the saprophytic on-bacterial proliferation.

Microbiologically speaking, a few hours after the burn, microbiologically a superficial face bacterial colonization begins is initiated with a great variety of organisms, in particular positive gram cocci u (mainly the staphylococcus). This colonization is started from by the hair follicles and perifollicular tissue. After a period of 3 to 5 days the negative gram organisms become are predominant, which initiate an the invasion of the burn underlying tissues underlying the burn. There is a lymphatic dDissemination through the lymphatic paths to the blood stream takes place. There are some factors that predispose to bias the bacterial over-infection such as the vascular destruction, which prevents the supply of inhibiting the nutrients and apportion to immune cells, the coagulation necrosis of coagulation that increases with the over-infection and the vascular necrosis. It has been widely proved that burns inhibit the immune response (vascular necrosis).

The topical antibiotic therapy does not sterilize the burn, lt just and simply reduces the number of bacteria while trying to let intending to allow the immunological mechanisms of the host to control the infection.

Given that As flora in the burn flower is is not completely eradicated, the handling effort is intended to addressed to allow the replacement of the skin layerectaneous cover.

When there is a bacterial colonization, the same is initiated superficially, on the surface—where there is dead or necrotic tissue and advances deeps in progressively in depth. The greater the extension, depth and elapsed time, the bigger the chances are of infection. Having wider affected area, wound deepness and longer time of occurrence, the greater the possibility of infection. At the age, nutritional and immunological condition of the individual, being exposed to the surrounding environment, persistent inflammationflare, location of the wound location and wound detritus on the wound are all important factors. A minor burn without any scab (detritus), clean tissues and isolated from the environment and without inflammationflare, provides presents the best defense against over-infection. It is important to realize alive to know that a topical antibiotic therapy on a burn is specifically targeted to directly addressed to control the appearance of the sepsis on the burn and not as a regular routine treatment for small burns in which the infection is neither et-a threat nor a problem.

Currently Today there is a novel complementary approach different from the local therapeutics of burns, named HYDROGELS, directed to provide offer comfort, analgesia and pain relief in a quick short time over in the burned area, in addition to an besides an anti-inflammatory flare and debriding effect. Such approach is neither is not an an antibiotic therapy, nor is it indicated nor has been formulated for scab removal. It relates to the formation of a the deal to form a soft, clear and mooth, transparent and colloidal layer that isolates the area, thus and thus, preventing any the bacterial over-infection.

In line with Under the above concept, the new composition of the present invention was designed based on each one from each one of the factors that produces a originated by the burn or superficial rfaee-abrasion: pain, for which the thickener substance acting as was designed similar to a second skin was designed (thus producing at is why it causes analgesia); inflammationflare, for which the proteolytic enzyme having a potent was designed having an enzymatic debriding effect was designed, being these the basic concepts of the gel.

In addition it is also possible to add new components One can also add new components for the secondary factors (non-primary) of the burns, such as the addition of adding-chlorhexidine in case an infection is suspected, urea for a better lubrication and anesthetic (lidocaine) for the painful wounds in adults or and in particular in children.

The indications of the present invention are for the treatment of first degree injuriesgrade wounds, superficial second grade superficial injurieswounds, not infected, that are not being located in special areas and that cover have less than 25% of extension.

The composition of the present invention has a new clinical focus with the following characteristics: it is a clear film that reduces inflammation, relieves pain, isolates

the injured zone, features rheologic effect, prevents infection, is water absorbent and produces fast and efficient epithelialization, forms a transparent film, antifraring, pain relief, isolates the wounded zone, has a rheological power, prevent infection, is water absorbent and produces a fast and efficient epithelialization.

It is a The composition is a-viscous clear transparent gel comprised inntained in_a plastic tube designed to be applied and spread_ed-directly overn the affected area. It_is a new physiological stance_view—in topical—treatment, symptomatic and preventive treatment_in the pathology of superficial and non-infected local avulsions or burnssuperficial and non-infected burns or local avulsions.

International articles refer to the debriding and anti-inflammatory flaring effect of the papain, whose ich in-additional of the barrier effect or second skin effect is also used in the product.

In the design of the composition of the present invention, the combinationmix, affinities and properties of the described—substances described, being focused on the pathology for which they were prepared, results in a specific formula adequate for the treatment of the ing-signs and symptoms exhibited in that show in burns or avulsions.

This new composition offers comfortable when-used and in its application, mediate or immediate analgesia as well as and—a proteolytic debriding effect. It forms a clear Form a transparent coating layer that allows a direct view of the wound and

has an apposite colloidal effect that exerts pressure isolating it effectively immediately from the surrounding environment.

The reduction in decrease of liquid loss, the easy handling and the mobility of the affected zone lead to an actual addressed to an effective prevention of over-infections and rapid tissue to a fast growth of the tissue.—The composition also offers other advantages such as its easy application and removal—application and removal, being free of adverse effects for the patient, being non-toxic is no toxic to for the tissues, pain-free in its indicated application—does not produce pain when applied according to the indications, not staining or decolorizing the injury and having a has an immediate analgesic effect, does not stain or bleach the wound and has low cost.

MECHANISM OF ACTION

The composition creates a clear transparent colloidal film over the wounded injury zone—covering the nerveous endings terminals—(pain relief), isolating the injury from the external environment in order to prevent contact with harmful substances, maintaining the injury dry and a dried zone—and applying pressure (apposite effect)

in order to create a medium allowing a fast and reliable cell regeneration; while the enzymatic action reduces the inflammation, debrides and cleans the zone.

The market of the available products available for handling burns and superficial abrasions is somewhat uncertain, as they are substances that are not designed to follow the course of the physiopathology course of these wounds and that simply they just refresh, and act as topical antibiotics or provide temporary relief without being tailored specifically for pain relief and anti-inflammation.

The basic concept underlying of the composition of the minute current present invention is to that of treating with with each one of its their components all the issues relating to aspects of the physiopathology of burns; the pain is produced by happens due to the nerve endings eus terminal being left exposed exposition and the gel of the invention creates an external clear transparent layer that covers the injury skin while the skin undergoes the natural and normal epithelialization process takes place. This coating Said layer helps thisat process to be concluded develop faster as it provides a more suitable condition and makes the medium and conditions more adequate (cleanliness, debridement, protection).

The inflammation occurs due to the injury reacting physiological processes of reaction to injury (vasodilatation, cell migration, release of active substances liberation such as histamine and serotonin), and the effectiveness of and the

efficiency of the papain and the enzymes in the topical are proven to act well in the topical treatment and handling of the dermal ie-inflammatory processes has already been proved.

Accordingly, Therefore, it was found that the combination of protecting barrier-enzymatic substances in search of a new handling in the protecting substances looking for a new management treatment of in the burns and superficial abrasions treatment was ideal to said treatment.

COMPONENTS OF THE COMPOSITION

a. The pPapain. It is a plant proteolytic enzyme extracted from the *Carica papaya* that hydrolyzes peptidic, amidic and esteric bonds of the proteins.

Its properties are having a good proteolytic activity, good thermo-stability, being are thermo-soluble, anti-inflammatory and exhibiting have a debriding effect. In particular, it has a proteolytic activity from between pH 3 to and 9, a wide range of thermo-stability (up to 70° C), is poor in germ s-content and dissolves easily in water, and has a high effectiveness ity-in viscous solutions.

The papain has many applications and uses: as is a digestive substance that promotes or substitutes other digestive enzymes, used as an is antihelminthic by destroying the protein cuticle of intestinal worms, and in the leather, tobacco and textile industries and as a s-and-meat softener. smoother industries. In N wounds and burns it provides presents a proteolytic activity on dead tissues, without

attacking affecting the live tissues, causing an enzymatic debridement scrubbing
and an optimal cicatrization/healing. It has an inherent anti-inflammatory effect and
it may be is able to be combined with certain antibiotics.

It is also used in biochemistry in breaking the bonds and to determining chemical structures of other proteins (as in the determination of human Ig-G).

The pPapain is a protease that catalyzes the hydrolysis of esters and peptides hydrolysis. The main most important amino acids comprising the same ed in it are: tryptophan, tyrosine, phenylalanine, histidine and arginine.

The pPapain is used preferably in the composition of the present invention preferably in at the range from of 0.2 to and 5 % by weight of the composition, preferably in an amount of around 0.5 % by weight of the composition.

b. CThe carboxymethyl-cellulose. This component is a synthetic resin derived from the the acrylic acid. It is a thickener, emulsifier and interface coalescent (consistence). It provides the following features to the s properties in the composition of the present invention are:

- Protecting barrier, or second skin that isolates the wound while the papain acts.
- Provides Gives the necessary stabilization as well as ty filmogenous and producing agent and physiologically inert agents.
- Good antibacterial barrier.

This component is a well-known product and it is used in several various field of industrial production fields such as: foodstuffs, textiles, detergents, cosmetics, paints, adhesives, ceramics, toothpaste, leather, etc. It This is a cellulose-derived anionic polymer with and hold the following properties:

- a. Dissolves very easily in cold or hot water.
- b. Acts as a thickening agent, suspension agent and suspension stabilizer.
- c. Retains Hold in the water thus contributing to keep dry with the dryness of the underlying wound.
- d. Acts as a filmogenous -producing agent that is oil, fat and organic solvents resistant.
- e. Acts as binder ing and as colloid protector.
- f. Is a rheological control agent.
- g. It is physiologically inert, an essential property for the searched effect sought.

The CMC solution does not coagulate turn solid when heated with heating, as there is it only a reduction in diminishes its viscosity when the temperature exceeds increases above 40°C. It has a high resistance to microbiologic attacks and when stored for long periods of time, the subjected to long term storing the recommendation is use of preservatives is recommended to avoid viscosity reduction the decrease in viscosity and its degradation. It has a broad range of

has also stability, within a wide range from pH 4 to pH 9, being preferred a neutral pH the preferred pH neutral.

The preferred range of use of this component is from between 1.0 to 4 % by weight of carboxymethylcellulose gel and the is gel carboxymethylcellulose is present in a range from of 71.5 to 77.5 % by weight of the composition of the present invention.

c. CARBOPOL. This a high molecular weight synthetic resin with a high molecular weight, polymerized with a hydrophobic monomer, obtaining a cross-linked polymer with crosslinked chains extracted from the acrylic or polyacrylic acid. Its His-chemical name is carboxypolyethylene.

It is mainly used as a thickener and emulsifier, its function is maintaining the homogenization of the preparations, stabilizing emulsified systems against sedimentation or separation, absorbing the respective interface (oil-water). The CARBOPOL coalesces rapidly the application of the product giving it consistency with its emulsion when stabilization ing and thickening effect by giving it consistency the emulsions.

Its main features advantages are:

- a. Forming it forms a barrier that protects the skin from new potential external irritants.
- b. it Cleaning s nastiness and removing es the undesired oily substances.

- c. Distributing it uniformly distributes the composition preparation over the skin.
- d. It accelerating es the stabilization of the compositionpreparation.
- e. Being its stable lity for two years at room temperature.
- f. Requiring low concentrations of CARBOPOL are needed to obtain get the desired effect.
- g. it eEliminating es the need for of emulsifying ier-soaps.
- h. Being it is clear translucent and does not producng e any skin coetaneous irritation.
- i. In the event of coming in contact if occasionally contacts with the eyes, it may can cause minor irritation.
- j. Not poisonous when ingested.

There are many types of carbopol, the most important are Carbopol 941, Carbopol 940, Carbopol 934, Carbopol ultrez 10, Carbopol etd-2020. Carbomer polymers have been used for rheological control (structuring e constructive agents) in lotions, creams and gels. Polymer molecules have thea unique abilityability ofte increasinge the viscosity thickness—of liquids in which they are dissolved (dispersed), even in including very wet_ concentrations. This is due to because of the volume inous expansion ability capacity (water absorption) of carbomer microgels.

The viscosity increase Polymer capacity of a polymer to increase the thickness depends on its "intrinsic viscosity". The unit employed to express "Intrinsic

viscosity" is expressed in dL/g. Factors that affect intrinsic viscosity of carbomer polymer are: pH, types of electrolytes and ions concentration.

Microgel particles in polymers increase the viscosity thickness of a solution by means of two mechanisms: 1) increasing viscosity in a direct ratio to the polymer's swelling according to the polymer swelling, and 2) increasing viscosity by microgel stiffness.

The preferred range of for use for this component in the composition is from between 1,5% to and 2,5% by weight of Carbopol gel, and the amount of Carbopol gel is present in an amount from between 22-28% by weight of the composition.

Optionally, the composition comprising the three components a., b. and c. mentioned above described may also include an analgesic in order to with the aim to block the nervous conduction, when they are locally applied administered. Lidocaine is the most stable local anaesthetic, and consequently the most commonly used therefore, the most used nowadays. It is currently used in local anaesthetic solutions for topical application and for mucous membranes, and also as injectable anaesthetic, infiltration anaesthesia, and in cardiology as a modifier of cardiac rhythm. It is used in the a-composition in a range varying from 1% to 5% by weight of the composition.

EXAMPLES OF COMPOSITIONS FOR DIFFERENT TYPES OF APPLICATIONS

EXAMPLE 1

In a first embodiment, the composition of the present invention is prepared in three steps:

a) First, a CARBOPOL gel is prepared, which is present in the a-composition in 25% by weight.

b) Secondly, the a-carboxy-methylcellulose gel is prepared, which is present in the composition in 74,5% by weight.

c) Finally, papain is added in an amount of 0,5% by weight of papain is added to the composition.

a. CARBOPOL GEL. This gel is prepared according to the following next composition:

2,00%-Carbopol, _____ 2,00%

2,23%-Triethanolamine, _____ 2,23%

95,77%-Distilled Water _____ 95,77%.

Total amount of CARPOBOL gel _____ 100,00%.

b. CARBOXIMETHYLCELLULOSE GEL. This gel is prepared according to the following next composition:

3,00%-Carboxymethylcellulose Sodium _____ 3.00%
0,50%-Propyl Parebene, _____ 0.50%
0,50%-Methyl Parabene _____ 0.50%
96,00%-Distilled Water _____ 96.00%.

Total amount of carboxymethylcellulose gel, _____ 100,00%.

c. ACTIVE PRINCIPLE. PAPAIN

0,50%-PAPAIN, _____ 0.50%

Formula of standardized manufacturing lotbatch for manufacturing: 5,000 g

RAW MATERIALS _____ AMOUNT

PAPAIN _____ 25 grams,

CARBOPOL GEL _____ 1,250 grams,

CARBOXYMETHYLCELLULOSE GEL-SODIUM GEL _____ 3,725 grams.

TOTAL AMOUNT RAW MATERIALS _____ 5,000 grams.

According to the abovementioned established percentages, next are the necessary amounts necessary for manufacturing the composition subject matter of the present invention are detailed below:

a. CARBOPOL GEL: 1,250 g

RAW MATERIAL _____ AMOUNT

Carbopol _____ 25.0 grams,

Triethanolamine _____ 28.0 grams,

Distilled water _____ 1,198.0 grams

Total Raw Materials _____ 1,250 grams

b. CARBOXYMETHYLCELLULOSE SODIUM GEL: 3,725 grams.

Carboxymethylcellulose Sodium _____ 112.0 grams,

Propyl Parabene _____ 19.0 grams

Methyl Parabene _____ 19.0 grams,

Distilled Water _____ 3,576.0 grams

c. PAPAIN _____ 25 grams

2. Example of the manufacturing process:

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a. CARBOPOL GEL

1. Select Take a 2 kg capacity stainless steel capacity container.
2. Pour the distilled water in the stainless steel container.
3. Slowly add the triethanolamine into the container.
4. Start the stirring process with a stainless steel stirrerhaker.
5. Keep on stirring while slowly the Carpobol is slowly added.
6. Pour into at the mixer, stirring at minimum speed for about 15 min, until completely dissolved ution is complete and a clear transparent gel is obtained.

b. CARBOXYMETHYLCELLULOSE GEL

1. Select Take a 5 kg capacity stainless steel capacity container.
2. Pour the distilled water in the stainless steel container.
3. Slowly add the carboxymethylcellulose into the container.
4. Start the stirring process with a stainless steel stirrerhaker.
5. Keep on stirring while slowly adding the propyl parabene.
6. Keep on stirring while adding the methyl parabene.
7. Warm this e-mixture until reaching a temperature of at 50 to 60°C, while constantly stirring.
8. Stop heating and keep stirring until the mixture reaches room temperature.
9. Pour into the mixer and, stirring at minimum speed until the mixture reaches a temperature of 17°C.

c. PAPAIN

1. In at the stainless steel container pour the CARBOPOL GEL.
2. Slowly add the CARBOXYMETHYLCELLULOSE GEL into the container.
3. Start the stirring process with a stainless steel stirrerhaker.
4. Keep on stirring while slowly adding the PAPAIN is added.

EXAMPLE 2

In a second embodiment, a composition having the following next components is provided:

- a. First substance: it is A proteolytic enzyme, in this case particularly the papain derived from Carica papaya, whose ich dedriding healing and anti-inflammatory advantages characteristics are used for the treatment of injuries wounds.
- b. Second substance: CARBOPOL.
- c. Third substance: carboxymethylcellulose sodium salt.
- d. Forth substance: local anaesthetic drug.

The composition or quantitative formula of from the product is prepared in three steps and it is described as follows, according to the next description:

1. 25%-CARBOPOL GEL _____ 25%
2. 72.5%-CARBOXYMETHYLCELLULOSE GEL _____ 72.5%
2. 2.0%-LIDOCAINE _____ 2.0%

3. 0.5%-PAPAIN. _____ 0.5%

The composition of the present invention is prepared in three steps:

- a) A First, CARBOPOL gel is first prepared, which comprises 25% by weight of present in the composition in 25%-by-weight is prepared.
- b) Then, preparation is made of the carboxymethylcellulose gel, which comprises 72.5% by weight of present in the composition in 72.5%-by-weight is prepared.
- c) Finally, papain and lidocaine are added in amounts of 0.5% and 2%, respectively, -by weight, based on the total weight of the composition, of papain and Lidocaine, respectively, are added.

a. CARBOPOL GEL. This gel is prepared according to the next composition:

Carbopol _____ 2.00%,

Triethanolamine _____ 2.23%,

Distilled Water _____ 95.77%.

Total amount of CARBOPOL gel _____ 100.00%

b. CARBOXYMETHYLCELLULOSE GEL. This gel is prepared according to the following next composition:

Carboxymethylcellulose Sodium _____ 3.00%,

Propyl Parabene _____ 0.50%,

Methyl Parabene _____ 0.50%,

Distilled Water _____ 96,00%.

Total carboxymethylcellulose gel _____ 100.00%

c. ACTIVE PRINCIPLE. PAPAIN

Papain _____ 0,50%.

d. ANAESTHETIC.

Lidocaine-_____ 2.00%.

2. Example of the manufacturing process:

a. CARBOPOL GEL.

1. Select Take a 2 kg capacity stainless steel capacity container.

2. Pour the distilled water in the stainless steel container.

3. Slowly add the triethanolamine ~~into the container.~~

4. Start the stirring process with a stainless steel ~~stirrerhaker.~~

5. Keep on stirring while slowly ~~adding the c~~Carbopol is added.

6. Pour into the mixer, stirring at minimum speed for about 15 min until dissolution is complete and a clear transparent-gel is obtained.

b. CARBOXYMETHYLCELLULOSE GEL CARBOXIMETILCELULOSA GEL

1. Select Take a 5 kg capacity stainless steel capacity-container.
2. Pour the distilled water in the stainless steel container.
3. Slowly add the carboxymethylcellulose into the container.
4. Start the stirring process with a stainless steel stirrerhaker.
5. Keep on stirring while slowly adding the propyl parabene is added.
6. Keep on stirring while the methyl parabene is added.
7. Warm this mixture until reaching a temperature of 50 to 60°C, while constantly stirring.
8. Stop heating and keep stirring until the mixture reaches room temperature.
9. Pour into the mixer and stir at minimum speed until the mixture reaches a temperature of 17°C.

Warm the mixture at 50 to 60°C, constantly stirring.

8. Stop heating and keep stirring until the mixture reaches room temperature.
9. Pour into the mixer, stirring at minimum speed until the mixture reaches a temperature of 17°C.

c. PAPAIN AND LIDOCAINE

1. Pour the carbopol gel into atthe stainless steel container.
2. Slowly add the carboxymethylcellulose gel into the container.
3. Start the stirring process with a stainless steel stirrerhaker.
4. Keep on stirring while papain and lidocaine are slowly added.

Preparation of the composition of the present invention with chlorhexidine and urea is similar to the above-and follows the same parameters ofas the procedure above described above.

EXAMPLE 3

COMPARATIVE CLINICAL RESULTS ARE COMPARATIVE WITH EXISTING THE PRODUCTS ALREADY EXISTING.

Aclinical evaluation of the product was made, which contained ~~ere datum of the patient data~~, a brief anamnesis, a description of the injury wound and a time monitoring time chart picture with the variables PAIN, INFLAMMATION and DEBRIDING HEALING-EFFECT.

In additionFurthermore, the presence of overinfections was investigated, which and the result was negative.

STUDY GROUP: 44 Patients having diagnosed with a burns or avulsion diagnostic and that fulfil meeting the requirements to apply the composition of the present invention were selected.

ADMINISTRATION SCHEME, DOSES, ROUTE AND FREQUENCY

The product under study is exclusively for cutaneous application only, and once an the injury wound has been madeoccurred, its application is made in topical of topic dosageses every is distributed each 2 hours, modifiable once according to the process of skin renovation process is noted.

The cComparative study was conducted with of the composition of the present invention and was made with aloe vera (a substance derived from the aloe vera plantesabila, recommended and advertised publicized for handling burns and having a similar appearance to the similar composition of to this e present application), both in gel presentationackaging.

None antibiotic cream was used in this study, since the object was not infected injuries wounds or areas already subjected to a where the process of bacterial growth process ing has occurred are not the objective.

Most of the wounds treated injuries varied from fluctuated in an extension between 1 to -10%, in extension, excluding some patients who were applied that received

the present composition in extensive spread-out-burns of up to 30%. All injuries the wounds were of first and second grade according to their depth, which are those likely to heal -capable to improve with these products.

Not important complications were observed, although and some burns treated with Aloe Vera frequently followed an continued the normal infectious development process that is common in these injuries cases.

The products were applied according to the following next evaluation times:

- 0 Hours: Initial clinical evaluation.
- 6 Hours: during this period of time, the symptoms for these specific injuries are felt of these specific wounds are stronger.
- 24 Hours: At this time during this period of time all first and second degree burns and covering small areas have a stabilized symptomatology under a natural process and their injury resolution starts of all wound caused by burns of first and second grade in small areas, finds stability starting its resolution during the natural process.
- 72 Hours: This type of injuries under a natural and regular development are in recovery, missing a high percentage of signs and symptoms.
natural development of this kind of wounds is in the recovery step, with the absence of most of the symptoms and signs.

PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS WITH ALOE VERA RESULT ANALYSIS:

As an adjuvant -helper in the initial symptomatology, it refreshens and soothes and as part of the - calms and, as a part of the general measures, it has some level of efficiency without being the ideal product in connection with reference to the evolution thereof.

In general, patients believe that the product to be "refreshingens, is-good" and to aid helps in the initial comforting -of the wound, meanwhile during the following hours in subsequent hour, it does not have any kind of cClinical incidence, all related with the natural evolution of the injury wound, its extension, depth and localization. 50% of the patients consider the product to be is-good, between between good and excellent 10%, and average regular 12%.

In general, Physicians' opinions medical concepts are generally good, 52%, improves patient's comfortableness improves, excellent 10% and, 30% prevents greater inflammation remains the same, 30%. Most of medical reports declare persistent ee of discomforts related to pain and inflammation, and an aqueous appearance characteristic of the Aloe.

EVOLUTION OF PAIN:

Most of the patients had severe agonizing pain at the time of the initial evaluation.

After 6 hours of starting the handling with before Aloe's application, the pain had substantially subsided intensity of pain was of less intense, although some patients still had intense pain (13%).

After 24 hours later: some patients still report between moderate to mild pain and and minor pain and, but 70% without without pain.

After

72 hours later: 5% of the patients with moderated pain, 18% mild minor and 77% without pain.

EVOLUTION OF THE INFLAMMATION:

Most of the injuries wounds were small.

After 6 hours later: OneA patient has severe inflammation and 33% have eve - mild minor inflammation.

After 24 hours later hours: 30% remain with mild inflammation 30% of the group still have minor inflammation and moderate in - almost 50% of the group moderated.

After 72 hours later: 36% of the patients still reports mild minor inflammation.

CLEANSING EVOLUTION OF THE CLEANING:

Not significant.

ANALYSIS OF RESULTS WITH THE COMPOSITION OF THE EXAMPLE 1:

The opinion rendered concept emitted by the patients with respect to the product being in is in a superlative and excellent ranking grade is in 48%, good 42%, 10% of patients did not provide any opinion emit a concept, there were not average rankings regular concepts. The study reports in some cases, of mild discomfort its reported minor annoyances at the time of the upon application, and a fast pain relief of the pain throughout during the whole study. The epithelialization and remove the deinflammation occur after in a short period of time.

The physicians' opinions Medical concepts are equally also are in superlative ranking grade, very good and excellent 32%, and good 46%; magnificent analgesia, efficient product, easy to handle product and used in wider and more serious injuries area

EVOLUTION OF THE PAIN WITH THE COMPOSITION OF EXAMPLE 1:

After 6 hours hours later: 35% of the patients have severe intense pain at time he hour-zero, and six hours later, this percentage is reduced to diminish to 3%.

After 24 hours later: pain is mild minor and, 87 % do not have any pain.

After 72 hours later: ~~o~~Only 3% of the patients have a mild degree minor grade of pain and, 89% do not report pain.

EVOLUTION OF THE INFLAMMATION WITH THE COMPOSITION OF EXAMPLE 1:

After 6 6-hours later: one patient with severe intense-inflammation, 35% with mild minor-inflammation and, 46% without inflammation.

After 24 hours later: ~~o~~Only one patient reports severe intense-inflammation, most of them (78%) do not have inflammation.

After 72 hours later: 2% report mild moderated-inflammation and, 85% do not have inflammation.

These results confirm the effectiveness of the product for en-pain an inflammation. As it may can be notedseen, the compositions subject matter of the present invention have superior analgesic, protective, debridinghealing, and anti-inflammatory effects over those of the in-reference to all of the previously known in the Sstate of the Aart.

The above examples should not be construed as limiting of the scope of the present invention and the scope of the same is determined by the claims provided below appended hereto.

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